

MADISON COUNTY SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2008

On Friday, February 22, 2008, a Safety Committee meeting came to order at 10:10 a.m. with Karen Brown, Roger Staley, Margie Edsall, Judy Melin, John Semingson, David Schulz, MaryAnn O'Malley and Laurie Buyan present.

Minutes: Minutes from the December 19, 2007, meeting were approved.

Loss Control Program: Commissioner Schulz asked the nursing home administrators if they felt the Putnam Loss Control Program has been of value. Judy Melin, Madison Valley Manor Administrator, stated that she felt it was very advantageous. Commissioner Schulz stated that in discussions with safety personnel at the MACo Convention in Billings, he was told that they intend to make Madison County a model County for their program.

MSDS Books: Roger Staley, Maintenance, reported that everyone that he contacted regarding MSDS records has responded to him except Road District 1. Commissioner Schulz stated that he will have Ray Rowberry, District 1 Road Forman, get the information to Roger. Commissioner Schulz stated that the Solid Waste Department is also tied to that facility and that Roger should contact Ralph Hamler, Sanitarian, for his records. Roger stated that both nursing homes should have their own MSDS records but that he would get a copy for Chris Mumme, Director of Emergency Management, along with those he has already secured from other County departments.

Safety Concerns: The problem of ice at the Pankey House was discussed. Roger stated that he has been sanding and salting on a regular basis to try to keep ice from building up on the steps. Judy Melin, Madison Valley Manor Administrator, reported an accident that occurred in her facility. Judy also stated that MACo safety personnel have been to the facility for staff training and will return in about two months for a follow up. John Semingson, Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center Administrator, stated that he and MACo staff have been having difficulty connecting but will make arrangements for the same training in his facility.

General Discussion: Commissioner Schulz inquired about the status of the back up generator at the Sheridan Nursing Home. Roger stated that he had Dan Kenworthy, Kenworthy Electric, look at it. Commissioner Schulz asked if this project could be tied into the PAR for nursing home repairs. He will talk to Barbie Durham, Grant Writer, to see if this would be in the scope of the PAR. Other topics discussed were asbestos abatement in the nursing homes; the recent survey that was conducted at the Madison Valley Manor; making the Madison Valley Manor a tobacco free campus; and the fact that the new hospital in Ennis will not have a full kitchen and will rely on the nursing home for feeding patients.

Workers' Compensation Claims: John Semingson, Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center Administrator, stated that he has had a few claims from his employees, most being wounds from residents. John will check on first reports to see how they are handled in the business office at his facility.

Set Date for Next Meeting: The next safety meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2008, at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners Conference Room.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.
Minutes prepared by Laurie Buyan.